

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate convened the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S152

Measures Introduced: One hundred forty-three bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1–10, 21, 31–162, S.J. Res. 1–3, S. Res. 1–8, and S. Con. Res. 1–2. **Pages S39–44**

Measures Passed:

Quorum of House and Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. **Page S5**

Quorum of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. **Page S5**

Counting of Electoral Votes: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page S5**

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Page S6**

Hour of Daily Meeting of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate. **Page S6**

Secretary of the Interior Compensation and Emoluments: Senate passed S.J. Res. 3, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005. **Pages S150–51**

Death of former Senator Claiborne de Borda Pell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, relative to the death

of the Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell, former United States Senator for the State of Rhode Island. **Page S151**

Measures Considered:

Objection: Pursuant to rule XIV, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senator Coburn objected to the introduction of a bill, to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by Senator Bingaman. **Page S27**

Appointments:

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointed the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: Senator John Sununu, of New Hampshire, vice Senator Judd Gregg, of New Hampshire.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of December 11, 2008, authorizing appointments to be made during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the Chair lays before the Senate an appointment made on December 18, 2008, which shall be printed in the Record. **Page S150**

111th Congress—Unanimous Consent Agreements:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate. **Page S6**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the warning signal to be sounded